

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE...
EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR CPA LICENSURE**

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014

Conferral of a baccalaureate degree or higher, with:

- 150 semester units of education
 - 24 semester units in accounting subjects
 - 24 semester units in business-related subjects
 - 20 semester units of accounting study
 - 10 semester units of ethics study

24 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING SUBJECTS

**CBA REGULATION
SECTION 9.2(b)**



24 SEMESTER UNITS

ACCOUNTING SUBJECTS

Accounting

Auditing

Taxation

Financial Reporting

Financial Statement Analysis

External or Internal Reporting

24 SEMESTER UNITS

ACCOUNTING SUBJECTS

Assurance

Attestation

Bookkeeping

Cost (Cost Analysis, Costing)

Peachtree/Quickbooks

CPA Review Courses from
nationally/regionally accredited institutions

24 SEMESTER UNITS BUSINESS-RELATED SUBJECTS

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SECTION 9.2(c)**



24 SEMESTER UNITS

BUSINESS-RELATED SUBJECTS

Business Administration
Business Management
Business Communications
Economics
Finance
Business Law
Marketing
Mathematics
Statistics

24 SEMESTER UNITS

BUSINESS-RELATED SUBJECTS

Computer Science and Information Systems

Business-related law courses offered by an accredited law school

Any accounting subjects in excess of the 24 units needed to fulfill the accounting requirement

20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY

Pending Regulations



20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY (PENDING REGULATIONS)

- Two options for meeting the 20 semester units of accounting study:
 1. Conferral of a specified master's degree
 2. Completion of 20 semester units in the following areas: accounting subjects, business-related subjects, other academic work relevant to accounting and business

20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY (PENDING REGULATIONS)

- Specified master's degrees include:
 - Master of Accounting
 - Master of Taxation
 - Master of Law in Taxation (LL.M.)

20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY (PENDING REGULATIONS)

20 semester units of accounting study include:

- Minimum 6 semester units in accounting subjects
- Maximum 14 semester units in business-related subjects
- Maximum 9 semester units in other academic work relevant to accounting and business

20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY (PENDING REGULATIONS)

Other academic work relevant to accounting and business includes:

- Skills-based courses
 - Foreign languages/cultural & ethnic studies
 - Industry-based courses
- * Maximum of 3 semester units in any one of the above-listed areas**

20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY (PENDING REGULATIONS)

Skills-based courses include courses completed in the following disciplines:

- Communications
- Journalism
- English
- Physical Sciences
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Life Sciences

20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY (PENDING REGULATIONS)

Courses in foreign language

- Includes Sign Language

Courses with the following in the title:

- Culture
- Cultural
- Ethnic

20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY (PENDING REGULATIONS)

Industry-based courses include:

- Courses with the words “Industry” or “Administration” in the title
- Courses completed in the following disciplines:
 - Engineering
 - Architecture
 - Real Estate

20 SEMESTER UNITS ACCOUNTING STUDY (PENDING REGULATIONS)

Maximum of 4 semester units may be completed in internships or independent study

- Courses must be completed in the accounting and business-related subjects.

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY

**RESULTING FROM
SENATE BILL 773**



10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

Comprised of 4 sections:

1. Mandatory accounting ethics
2. Specified courses relating to ethics
3. Specified disciplines focused on a foundation of ethics
4. Financial statement auditing course

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

Minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units
in accounting ethics or accountants'
professional responsibilities

- Required beginning January 1, 2017
- Must be completed at an upper division level or higher, unless completed at a community college

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

Maximum 7 semester units or 11 quarter units in courses with the following words in the course title:

- * Between January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016, applicants can complete up to 10 semester or 15 quarter units.**

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

Auditing

Business Law

Corporate Governance

Ethics, Morals, or Fraud

Organizational Behavior

Human Resources Management

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

Management of Organizations
Business Government and Society
Business Leadership
Legal Environment of Business
Corporate Social Responsibility
Professional Responsibilities

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

Maximum 3 semester or 4 quarter units
in courses from the following disciplines:

- Philosophy
- Religion
- Theology

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

To qualify under one of the three identified disciplines the course title must contain one of the following words or term:

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

Introductory
Introduction
Principals of
General

Foundation of
Fundamentals of
Survey of

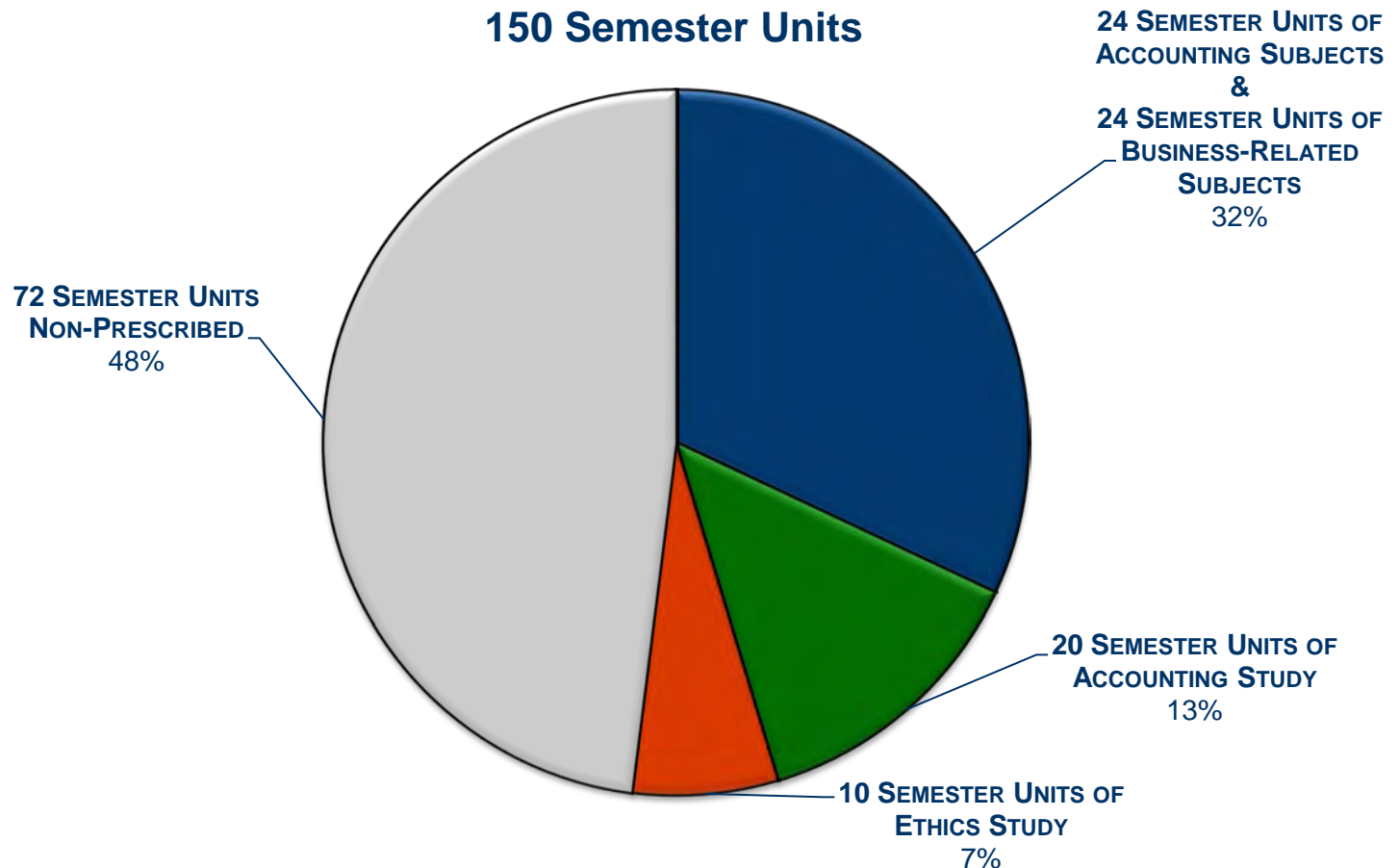
Or

The sole name in the course title is the
name of the discipline

10 SEMESTER UNITS ETHICS STUDY (SENATE BILL 773)

Maximum 1 semester unit in a course devoted to financial statement auditing

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CPA LICENSURE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014



IMPLEMENTING CHANGE... HOW WILL IT IMPACT CPA LICENSURE APPLICANTS?

Substantial crossover with the requirements

Considerable flexibility for courses to qualify

Looking out for what's best for the applicant

CBA TRANSCRIPT REVIEW PROCESS

Reliance on transcripts to determine educational qualifications

Clear course titles are of the utmost importance

CBA TRANSCRIPT REVIEW PROCESS

- 1 – Determine accrediting agency/body & units earned – semester/quarter
- 2 – Verify educational requirements – of bachelor's degree or higher, 24 semester units of accounting and 24 semester units of business-related subjects
- 3 – Tally all respective units

DETERMINING COURSES

Rely on the definitions in CBA Regulations

Additional terms for accounting include: assurance, attestation, bookkeeping, cost (cost analysis, costing), Quickbooks, peachtree, and CPA Review courses

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES

ACCOUNTING STUDY

Business as usual for identifying the accounting and business-related courses

Other Academic Work Relevant to Accounting and Business

Focus on course designator, *e.g.*:

Engl, Bio, Chem, Soc, Span, French, etc.

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES

ACCOUNTING STUDY

Identifying Master of Accounting, Taxation,
and Laws in Taxation

Master of Accounting

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Master of Business Administration
w/concentration in Accounting

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES ETHICS STUDY

Mandated Ethics – Beginning 2017

Ethics/professional responsibilities courses
taken from Accounting departments

Ethics/professional responsibilities courses
with the term accounting in the course title

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES ETHICS STUDY

Courses taken from the course title list

Law requires courses contain specified words or terms

Minimal flexibility

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES ETHICS STUDY

Examples of ...:

Ethical = Ethics

Fraudulent = Fraud

Morality = Morals

Social Responsibilities of Corporations =
Corporate Social Responsibilities

Organizational Management = Management
of Organizations

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES ETHICS STUDY

Examples of ...:

Business & Society \neq Business, Government
& Society

Leading Organizations \neq Business
Leadership or Management of Organizations

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES

ETHICS STUDY

Courses taken from the disciplines list

Focus on course designators – Phil, Reg (HRS, RS, etc.), Theo

Course title must include listed words/terms or have the sole name in the course title is the discipline

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES ETHICS STUDY

Courses taken from the disciplines list

Examples* of courses that would meet:

PHIL 1 – Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 27 – Introduction to Formal Logic

TESP 8 – Franciscans & Jesuits: An Introduction to
Catholic Spiritualities

*Examples from Santa Clara University

IMPACT OF THE NEW RULES ETHICS STUDY

Courses taken from the disciplines list

Examples* of courses that would not meet:

PHIL 25 – Formal Logic

RSCO 9 – Ways of Understanding Religions

TESP 4 – The Christian Tradition

*Examples from Santa Clara University

How CAN THE CBA HELP YOU?

Open Communication

Sharing Information

Outreach to Faculty/Students

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